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Title

Method and apparatus for optical odometry



METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL ODOMETRY

This application claims priority to provisional application #60/463,525/467,729, filed ~~April 17~~ May 2, 2003, titled "Method and Apparatus for Optical Odometry".

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Field of the Invention

[001] The field of the invention relates to odometry, image processing, and optics, and more specifically to optical odometry.

Background of the Invention

[002] The dictionary defines an odometer as an instrument for measuring distance, and gives as a common example an instrument attached to a vehicle for measuring the distance that the vehicle travels. Indeed an odometer is a legally required instrument in all commercially sold vehicles. In passenger cars, the odometer may serve several useful functions. In one application, as a consumer purchases a used car, the odometer reading allows the consumer to measure how "used" a car actually is. In another application, a consumer may use a car odometer as a navigation aid when following a set of driving directions to get to a destination. In another application, a consumer may use odometer readings as an aid in calculating tax-deductible vehicle expenses.

[003] Typical passenger car odometers function by directly measuring the accumulated rotation of the vehicles wheels. Such a direct-mechanical-contact method of